



Balancing Biodiversity Conservation with the Demand For Increased OHV Recreation Opportunities

*April 11-12, 2007
San Jose, California*

Off-Highway Vehicular (OHV) use is on the rise. The last 15 years have seen a 1,300 percent increase in SUV street legal 4x4 sales. In the past 5 years, there has been an 85 percent increase in registrations of dirt bikes, and an 87 percent increase in all-terrain vehicle registrations. With the rapidly growing urbanization of California, OHV enthusiasts have fewer places to recreate, while the demand is continuing to grow. This is an exciting opportunity to consider the balance between two goals: To provide sustainable, high-quality recreational opportunities while conserving biodiversity. This issue impacts local, state and federal agencies, and will continue to be an issue that must be addressed in the future.

April 11 Field Tour Agenda

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| 10:30 a.m. | Registration—Wyndham Hotel, Salon A, B, C |
| 11:00 | Presentations <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Statewide Overview of OHV Use▪ Intro to Motorcycle County Park and Hollister Hills SVRA |
| 11:45 | Board 4WD Vehicles |
| 12 Noon | Depart for Field Tour
Field trip to Motorcycle County Park and Hollister Hills |
| 4:00 p.m. | Depart from Wyndham to dinner location for late arrivals
<i>Meet in Wyndham lobby</i> |
| 5:00 | Social —DeRose Vineyards, Hollister
Transportation to the Wyndham provided for those not joining us for dinner |
| 5:30 | Dinner —Pietra Santa Winery, Hollister

Russ Ehnes , Executive Director, National Off-Highway Vehicle Conservation Council, Great Falls, Montana |
| 8:00 p.m. | Depart to Wyndham Hotel (arrive 9 p.m.) |

April 12 Agenda

- 8:00 a.m. **Registration**—Wyndham Hotel, Salon A, B, C
- 8:30 - 9:00 **Council Business**
- 9:00 - 9:10 **Opening Remarks—Why we all need to be involved**
Mike Chrisman and Mike Pool, CBC Co-Chairs
- 9:10 - 9:20 **Summary of Field Tour**
Christine Nota, CBC Executive Committee Chair
- 9:20 - 9:40 **Background—Who, What and How Many**
Phil Jenkins, Division Chief, California State Parks, Off-Highway
Motor Vehicle Recreation Division
- 9:40 - 9:50 **Break**
- 9:50 - 11:40 **Conversation on Problems and Issues**
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Sacramento, Center for Collaborative Policy*
- Audubon Society**—Heath Wakelee, Vice President, Sierra
Foothills Audubon Society
- California State Parks, Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation
Division**—Kathy Dolinar, District Superintendent, Ocotillo Wells
District
- USDA Forest Service**—Marlene Finley, Director of Recreation
- USDOI Bureau of Land Management**—Rick Cooper, Field
Manager, Hollister Field Office
- Parks and Natural Resources Management, Yolo County**—
Julia McIver, Parks Director
- San Diego Off-Road Coalition**, Jim McGarvie, Board Member
and Past President
- 11:40 - 12:00 **Summary and Vision**—Daphne Greene, Deputy Director,
California State Parks, Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation
Division
- Noon - 1:00 p.m. **Lunch** (on site)

1:00 - 3:00

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**California Dept. of Parks and Recreation, Off-Highway Motor
Vehicle Recreation Division**—Andy Zilke, District
Superintendent, Oceano Dunes District

Friends of the Inyo Forest—Paul McFarland, Executive Director

Santa Clara County Parks County—Lisa Killough, Director

US Fish & Wildlife Service—Steve Henry, Assistant Field
Supervisor

USDA Forest Service—Jim Peña, Deputy Regional Forester

Bureau of Land Management—Roxie Trost, Field Manager,
Barstow Field Office

Off-Road Business Association—Fred Wiley, Director

3:00 - 3:30

Action Items—Wrap Up

- Agency support (staff involvement) for counties that are interested in developing a new park: What are the barriers? What do they need? Who are the key agencies that could help? Consider Yolo County as a pilot project.
- Multi Agency (seamless) map of OHV opportunities—available for distribution by agencies, clubs, retailers etc.